JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER REPORT

The past year has been a very happy one for the Jacksonville Chapter. We have been meeting and knowing the most wonderful people.

We have brown from our first meeting in May 1957 from 16 members to 34 members now. We have tried in every way to build our chapter membership. But with the last two winters being so cold and quite a few freezes it has been hard to keep people interested in Hibiscus. But we are trying.

Our meetings are the second Saturday of each month from May thru October. We try to have interesting programs. Mr. & Mrs. Archie W. Budd visited Hawaii last year and showed some very beautiful slides. Mr. Bob McCubbin has showed his s ides too. Mr. Sparkman has demonstrated grafting techniques. At each meeting our members bring bloom. In this way we all become better acquainted with the correct names and varieties.

We had a very pretty show last year, although we had a scare, an early morning rain. We wish to thank everyone for coming and for their help. Don't forget our show date this year is September 27th.

Our new officers are: President - Miss Lillian Stuart; Vice President - Mr. Robert McCubbin; Secretary - Mrs. Charles Landise: Treasurer-Mrs. John H. Schults.

Mrs. Arthur E. Becham, Ret. President

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REPORT OF TROPICAL CHAPTER

The Tropical Chapter has held regular monthly meetings during the past year. There is always a covered dish dinner served at the beginning of the evening, which gives the members a chance to meet new members and make them feel more at home during the meeting. These dinners have been a great drawing card in getting members to attend meetings regularly.

After dinner our regular business meeting is held. The time of business meetings is held at a minimum so as to give more time for our programs. The majority of our programs consist of the study of grafting, hybridizing and the general care and culture of Hibiscus, and always keeping in mind ways of raising money for our show.

Our show was held May 17, at the Biscayne Garden Civic Center, Miami. In spite of a very rainy day and a cool spell there were a beautiful display of blooms and arrangements. Most of the Florida Chapters brought blooms to our show, which added much to the display. The theme of the show was: Hibiscus Out of This World.

It was a very good year for all of our members. Everyone has learned a lot of new things about this lovely flower, The Hibiscus.

At the May meeting the new officers were installed for the coming year, they include:

President	Mrs. Ray Ruppert (Kay)
Vice President	Mr. James A. Holderman (Jim)
Treasurer	Mr. Robert J. Curns (Bob)
Secretary	Mrs. E. Paul Sutton (Alene)

Mr. Edward Crocoll
President.

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Ailene Craig wonders if the reason the dog has so many friends is because the wag was put in his tail instead of his tongue.

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